

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS,

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1844.
SENATE.

The Secretary of the Senate made the usual annual report in reference to the clerks of this body.

Mr. MILLER presented a memorial from members of the Alexandria bar, praying that the next judge who may be appointed to the Circuit Court of this District, may be required to reside in Alexandria.

Mr. TAPPAN moved to have the Library Committee discharged from considering the petition of one of the gate-keepers of the Capitol, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. HUNTINGTON presented the memorial of a number of merchants of New York, asking some change in reference to the drawback of duties in cases of internal navigation between this country and the British colonies north of us.

Mr. PHILLIPS, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report in the case of George Harrison.

Mr. TALLMADGE, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported that this committee had taken into consideration sundry memorials for improving the navigation of Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and directing him to report a bill granting land for this purpose.

Mr. HANNEGAN, by leave, introduced a bill making appropriations for the continuance of the Cumberland road in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

OREGON.

Mr. ARCHER, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, made his acknowledgments to Mr. ALLEN, not pressing the passage of his resolution, calling on the President to furnish copies of instructions to, and correspondence with the American Minister in England, upon the subject of the Oregon Territory. Mr. A. withdrew his objections to allow the resolution to pass.

The President of the Senate was about to put the question upon the passage of the resolution, when

Mr. MOREHEAD rose and expressed doubts of the propriety of such a resolution, pending negotiations, and thought the subject ought to be taken into serious consideration. It seemed to him to be establishing a bad precedent. He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Messages in writing (Executive nominations) were received from the President.

Mr. ALLEN said it was establishing no precedent, for similar action was as old as the Government itself; as the gentleman would find by recurring to the record. The Senator said Mr. A. asks, "why make this call pending a negotiation?" My answer is, why call after the negotiation, when everything is already done for good or for evil? Mr. A. went on to refer to the Ashburton treaty, which received two-thirds of the votes of Senators because, and this was the strongest argument for it, the President had acted, and the country was already compromised. He alluded to the fact that the English Premier, when questioned in Parliament as to what was the condition of this Oregon matter, replied that such negotiations were pending as would best promote the welfare of the British Government. Mr. A. said he held it to be the right of the Senate, as a part of the treaty making power, to possess the information called for, and remarked that the resolution contained the usual precautionary clause, and if the Senator from Kentucky still objected, he should call for the yeas and nays.

Mr. MOREHEAD insisted upon his objection, and finally, with the consent of Mr. A., the resolution was postponed until Monday next.

Mr. MERICK sent to the Chair a circular letter from some of his Baltimore constituents upon the subject of the observance of the Lord's Day, which the signers desired to have read in the Senate.

Mr. BENTON objected.

A bill for the relief of Edward Kennard was taken up; and, after some objection from Mr. Haywood, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. FULTON gave notice of a bill to extend the franking privilege to the ex-Vice Presidents of the United States.

The Senate took a short Executive session, and adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TIBBATS, of Ky., moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, by which the resolution of Mr. Black, of Georgia, was lost by one vote.

Mr. BLACK moved a call of the House; which was ordered.

One hundred and eighty-four members having answered to their names, on motion of Mr. WELLER, the call was suspended.

Mr. SAUNDERS moved to lay the motion to reconsider upon the table. The House, he said, would have an opportunity to vote upon a proposition similar to that offered by Mr. Black, and one which was pending when the House adjourned last evening.

The motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The resolution of Mr. McDowell, of Ohio, was the first business in order. It proposed that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to bring in a bill providing sufficient revenue for the wants of Government economically administered, and with discriminations only in favor of revenue.

The previous question having been moved last evening by the author of the resolution, there was a second this morning. The main question was ordered, and the yeas and nays upon the resolution; which was rejected, yeas 84, nays 102.

The following resolutions were introduced during the day:

Calling upon the President for additional correspondence and information between this Government and Mexico; laid over.

To establish a committee on foreign commerce, in addition to the committee now established; laid over.

Directing the Secretary of War to report any plan he may have for reorganizing the army; laid over.

In favor of ceding the public lands to the States where they lie; objected to, and laid over.

One calling on the Committee of Ways and Means to report upon the expediency of abolishing the duty on salt, was adopted.

A fourth resolution, on the subject of the Tariff, was offered; but, under objection, was laid over.

A resolution to inquire into the expediency of placing the widows of the officers and crew of

the U. S. schooner Grampus on the pension roll; adopted.

A resolution to take the bill to refund the fine upon Gen. Jackson out of committee on Saturday next at 3 o'clock, was submitted. This required a vote of two-thirds, and was lost; the vote being, yeas 118, nays 66.

A bill was introduced, and referred, in favor of remounting the 2d regiment of dragoons.

A bill to organize a government for the Oregon territory was ordered to be printed, and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POSTMASTER TO THE HOUSE.

When the State of Michigan was called, a member therefrom submitted a resolution that the House do now proceed to the election of Postmaster.

Mr. ADAMS said this resolution was certainly not in order, as the House had suspended the rules yesterday to call the States for resolutions, and this business was not completed.

The Speaker overruled the objection.

Mr. ADAMS appealed, and the yeas and nays were called. The House sustained the Chair by 114 to 57.

THE ELECTION.

Mr. Cave Johnson nominated E. R. McNair. Mr. Dunlap " J. M. Johnson.

Mr. Cross " W. J. McCormick. Mr. Lyon " P. H. Brown.

Mr. Burke " H. H. Sylvester. On the first ballot, Mr. McCormick had 84 votes; Johnson, 48; McNair, 44; Sylvester, 11; Brown, 1. Whole number of votes cast, 189; necessary to a choice, 95, and therefore there was no choice.

The House proceeded to a second ballot, and again there was no choice. The whole number of votes thrown was 191—necessary to a choice, 96. Mr. McCormick had 76, Mr. Johnson 66, Mr. McNair 46, Mr. Sylvester 2, Mr. Brown 1.

An ineffectual effort was made to adjourn; but a call of the yeas and nays was threatened, and the motion was withdrawn.

The House proceeded to a third balloting, and the whole number of votes cast was 187—necessary to a choice, 94. Mr. J. M. Johnson received 106; Mr. McCormick, 70; and Mr. McNair, 11.

The Speaker declared Mr. Johnson elected, and

The House adjourned.

LADY'S BOOK OF FLOWERS AND POETRY; to which is added a Botanical Introduction, a complete Floral Dictionary, and a Chapter on Plants in Rooms. Edited by Lucy Hooper. A new edition with plates. Just received and for sale at the book store of

R. FARNHAM, corner of 11th st. and Penn. av. nov 11

CARD.—The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and customers that their accounts will all be rendered to them on the 1st January next, and he earnestly hopes that all will be prepared to settle the same, either by cash, or notes at very short dates. This is absolutely necessary, in order to enable him to meet engagements that are upon him, and which he can only do by realizing what is due to him. Those, especially, whose accounts have been long due, will confer a great favor by being ready to settle the same when called upon.

C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets. dec 15-4J1

NEW YORK CHEESE.—S. HOLMES has now on hand a choice lot of New York Cheese, to which he invites the attention of merchants. 7th street, nov 8-4Jw nearly opposite Patriotic Bank.

ORANGES, ORANGES!—30 bbls. prime Oranges just landing from schr. Dodge, and for sale low by

SAMUEL BACON & CO. dec 30-3t

ELEGANT SHAWLS.—Will be opened this day—1 carton splendid embroidered Thibet shawls 1 do rich figured Thibet and cashmere 1 do large and very heavy black silk shawls 1 do rich changeable silk shawls 8-4 square and very elegant

50 pieces splendid silks, every style and quality 50 pieces mouselines de laine and cashmere, some entire new style 10 superfine Thibet cloths, for ladies' dresses, every shade of color 25 pieces cashmere and cashmere de case 10 pieces elegant silk velvets for dresses and bonnets 5 cartons rich velvet and satin ribands 50 dozen linen cambric handkerchiefs, gloves, hosiery, &c. 20 pieces black and colored alpaccas, silk fringes, &c.

I will open to-day a large assortment of the best—London broadcloths London, French, and American cassimeres Velvet and satin vestings London tweeds for coats and pantaloons A large assortment of gentlemen's fancy scarfs and cravats, fashionable style Lamb wool and merino shirts and drawers Plaid and figured cloths for cloak linings

150 pieces superior and low priced cassinets 100 pair 12-4, 11-4, and 10-4 Whitney blankets Wide and narrow white and colored flannels The above goods having been purchased at auction at the north at very low prices, great bargains may be expected by those who may favor me with a call. dec 2-1m R. C. WASHINGTON.

BOSTON ACADEMY'S COLLECTION OF CHURCH MUSIC, consisting of the most popular psalm and hymn tunes, anthems, sentences, chants, &c., old and new; together with many beautiful pieces, tunes and anthems, selected from the masses and other works of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Pergolesi, Righini, Cherubini, and other distinguished composers, arranged and adapted to English words expressly for that work. Published under the direction of the Boston Academy of Music.

THE SOCIAL CHOIR, designed for a class book for the domestic choir, consisting of selections of music from the most distinguished authors, among which are the names of Haydn, Bellini, Rossini, C. M. Von Weber, Auber, Boieldieu, and Mazziotti, with several original pieces of music by the editor, and many beautiful extracts of poetry have been made from Mrs. Hemans, T. Moore, Sir Walter Scott, Dr. S. Gray, jun., J. C. Pray, jun., and others, in 2 volumes, price \$2 per set, single \$1.

THE GOSPEL HARMONIST, a collection of Sacred Music; consisting of tunes of all metres, and also sentences, anthems for a variety of occasions, chants, &c., being a selection from the best authors, with many original tunes and anthems composed expressly for the work by professors and amateurs of this country; to which is prefixed, a Familiar Introduction to the Art of Singing on the Pestalozzian System, designed for the aid of those who are entirely unacquainted with the science of music, by Thomas Whittemore.

CARMINI SACRA, or Boston Collection of Church Music; comprising the most popular psalm and hymn tunes in general use, by Lowell Mason. For sale at the book and stationery store of

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S. MASI, At his store on Pennsylvania avenue, near Gadsby's, to whom we have consigned a large assortment, suited to every age and condition of the eye.

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GEO. McLELLAN, M. D., 148 Walnut street. PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1843.

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OIL BLACKING, &c.—If you want dry feet all winter, prepare your boots and shoes with Leather Preservative or Oil Blacking, which will render the leather soft, make it more durable, and entirely impervious to water. It is also excellent for carriage tops, harness, &c. It can be had at

GILMAN'S, nov 8-1m Drug Store, near Brown's Hotel.

PERFOCAL GLASSES put into other spectacle frames.

N. B. All persons not satisfied with these Glasses after making trial of them, are particularly requested to have them exchanged until suited.

JAS. KILBURN, Agent for the Manufacturers. dec 28-1m

FRESH RICE.—22 casks Charleston rice, a good article, for sale by

LAMBERT & MCKENZIE, jan 3-3t Alexandria.

BLACK AND WHITE SMITHING IN GENERAL.—The subscriber would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he still continues the above business in all its variety, at his old stand on G street, between 10th and 11th street west, opposite Carroll's saloon, where all orders will be promptly received and promptly attended to. He makes and puts up harness and saddlery in order in a superior manner and on as reasonable terms as can be done in the city, and all other work done in his line of business in proportion to the times. N. B. Iron pumps furnished and put up in basins or wells to order.

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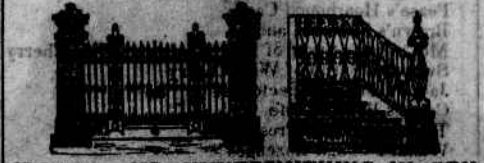
RESTAURANT'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. December 26, 1843.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nominations obtained from the Corporation of Washington for occupying the several market houses, licenses obtained for fluctuating in the city of Washington, and licenses for keeping Dogs in said city, will all expire on the 31st instant, and are required by law to be renewed at this office within ten days thereafter.

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SILK VELVETS, FRENCH MERINOES, &c.—This day received

10 pieces blue-black Velvets, for ladies' dresses and bonnets

10 pieces superfine French Merinoes, fashionable colors

15 pieces black and colored Alpaccas

A large assortment fashionable Mouselines

1 carton very rich embroidered Shawls

1 do heavy black silk Shawls, 8-4 square

1 do rich col red silk and satin Shawls

4 dozen silk velvet and plush Points

10 pieces plaid Cloakings, various patterns and colors

1 elegant embroidered velvet Mantilla

Ladies' Gloves, Hosiery, &c.

A large assortment of white and colored Flannels

Cloths, Cassimeres, Cashmere, Blankets, Sheetings

Table Diapers, Napkins, Toweling, &c.

Which I will offer at unusually low prices to lessen stock. I respectfully solicit a call from my friends and the public generally.

R. C. WASHINGTON.

N. B. Every account upon my books will be sent in on or before the 1st of January next, and I trust that my friends will be prepared to pay them when presented.

dec 28-3w R. C. W.

GROCERIES.—I have in store 50 bags of coffee, of various qualities

Sperm oil, warranted, \$1 per gallon

Sperm candles, tallow, currants, citron

Almonds, &c., buckwheat

Loaf, crushed, and brown sugars

14 dozen baskets, 23 dozen brooms

Fancy soap, and spices of all kinds

In short, every thing kept in the line, and on as reasonable terms as can be had in the District; but, at the same time, nothing below cost; as some of the knowing ones would have you think.

WM. T. DOVE, Between 13th and 14th sts, fronting on Penn. av., dec 29-1w next to National Theatre.

FLOUR.—Just received, and on hand, a large stock of flour, which I will dispose of low.

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BUTTER.—Just received, direct from New York, a very superior lot of Goshen Butter, and for sale by

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FRESH TEAS.—A fresh lot of newly imported Teas, of best brands, just received, and for sale on accommodating terms, by

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NAILS.—100 kegs nails in store, of the best quality, low for cash, or to punctual customers.

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The House being altered to a most beautiful and brilliant Amphitheatre.

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AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PERFORMANCE.

Howe's celebrated company will appear, with their splendid Stud of Horses, in numerous Exercises, Feats of Horsemanship, Vaulting, Trial of Strength, &c., &c., &c.

To conclude with the laughable scene of BILLY BUTTON, Or, a Journey to Brentford.

Particulars in Bills of the day.

Boxes and Parquette, 50 cents. Second Tier, 25 cents. Gallery, 15 cents.

Doors open at 6 o'clock; Performance to commence at 7 o'clock.

GRAND MILITARY AND CIVIC BALL AT THE WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS. The NATIONAL GUARD respectfully announces that they will give their Third Annual Ball on Monday, January 8, 1844. The favorable attendance which the citizens of the District and its vicinity have ever bestowed upon the balls heretofore given by the Blues, encourages them to believe that this will receive a notice equally as favorable, inasmuch as they have made arrangements which, in their opinion, will render it one of the most splendid that has ever been given in the District.

COMMITTEE OF INVITATION AND RECEPTION. Gen. R. O. Weightman, Col. W. W. Seaton, Capt. L. F. Middleton, Lieut. W. M. Clarke, Lieut. P. F. Bacon, Lieut. E. Evans, Ensign W. J. Farham, Sergeant J. L. White, Sergeant J. Brannan, Quartermaster J. F. Coyle, Corporal G. Emrick, W. A. Flaherty, M. F. Mohun, J. S. Owen, C. T. Iardella, W. Macgee, B. J. Tayman, W. McDermott, M. J. Sheahan, S. Pamphrey, W. M. Randolph, J. Stoddard.

A sufficient number of servants will be engaged. LLOYD WILLIAMS' celebrated Cotillon Band has been secured for the occasion.

Tickets for sale at Gadsby's, Brown's, and Fuller's Hotels, Farquhar and Morgan's drug store, First ward, Dr. Clarke's drug store, Navy Yard, Kidwell's, Georgetown, Buckingham's, corner of Penn. Avenue and 13th street, and at the door on the evening of the ball. Price of tickets \$2.

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In order to be appreciated, he must be seen and felt.

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